

## NEW ENTERPRISE FOR THE SUBURBS

Building of Apartment  
Houses Thought Of.

### PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Contract Awarded for New "Gym" of  
Georgetown University—Real Es-  
tate Market Rather Dull.

The dullness of midsummer rests heavily on the real estate market. True, there is a fair record of transactions, but these are mostly of minor importance. Added to this is the absence from the city of a number of the leading real estate brokers, and in their offices one is met with the almost stereotyped greeting, "Nothing doing." Those few who despite the sultry weather still attend to the daily routine are chary of venturing opinions as to conditions likely to prevail in the fall, though the majority are inclined to believe that "things will look up when the weather gets to be cooler."

There is, however, considerable activity in the building line. While no enterprises of great moment are on foot, there is a steady increase of dwellings and apartment houses in different sections of the city, especially in the west, northwest, and northeast. Nor are the suburban sections neglected in this respect. They are getting a large share of attention, and by the close of the current year there will be a notable increase in the number of residences.

**Flats in Suburbs.**  
It is also a matter of no little interest that the question of the investment of capital in apartment houses in these portions of the District is being carefully considered in certain quarters. There are not a few who believe that the time is not far distant when apartment houses containing suites of comfortably large rooms, not less than six in an apartment, and all so arranged as to be especially attractive from May to November, will prove to be well-paying investments. It is not improbable that the next six months will see the carrying out of some of these plans.

One of the suburban subdivisions just now the scene of great activity is Petworth. The erection of a complex of sixty houses has already begun, and negotiations are now pending for the acquisition of ground on which to erect two blocks of twenty houses each. Thus, in this little suburb about 100 houses will be ready for their tenants before the close of the year. The houses will be either for sale or for rent, and

## CAPT. WIRZ'S PISTOL IN ALABAMA ARCHIVES

Weapon Said to Have Been Used by Commander of Andersonville "Pen" in Putting to Death Many Union Soldiers Presented to State by Widow of Prison Surgeon.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 29.—An old-style cap and ball Colt's pistol with an interesting history has been presented to the State department of archives and history by Mrs. J. S. Dillard, of Montgomery county.

The weapon was the property of Capt. Henry Wirz, who commanded the military prison at Andersonville, Ga., and was hanged after a trial by court-martial for maltreatment of Union soldiers. Dr. J. S. Dillard, husband of Mrs. Dillard, was surgeon at Andersonville Prison. On one of her visits to the prison the pistol, which was highly prized by Captain Wirz, was presented to Mrs. Dillard by the captain. The father of Mrs. Dillard, Col. William Frazer, then a planter of Montgomery county, sent his carriage through the country to Andersonville for Mrs. Dillard to return to this country.

those who have undertaken this enterprise are supremely confident that the houses will be no sooner finished than either purchasers or tenants will be found for them.

### Contract Let for "Gym."

The Brennan Construction Company has gotten the contract for the new gymnasium of Georgetown University. The plans are now in the office of the Inspector of Buildings, and the approval of them is expected very soon. Work will be begun just as soon as this approval comes to hand, and it is the hope of the rectors to be able to turn the building over to the students as a Christmas gift. As already stated in The Times, the money required for this building was donated by the wife of a well-known New York millionaire. The plans were drawn by Architect A. O. Von Herbulis. Architect William J. Palmer is preparing plans for a fine four-story apartment house for Eugene Atchison, to be erected at Eighteenth street and Ingleside Terrace. It will contain thirteen suites of six rooms and bath each, all provided with latest improvements. The style of architecture to be used is the early Spanish, the front being in brick, terra cotta and pebble dash. The building will be a commanding object on the hillside, and from it a charming view of the surrounding country can be had.

Percy H. Russell, who recently purchased house 927 G street northwest, has commissioned Architect Palmer to draw plans for enlarging and completely remodeling that building. It is to be extended out to the street, four stories high, with an imposing facade of enameled brick and marble, in the style

As she was setting out on the journey Captain Wirz went out to the carriage, and, handing her the pistol, asked her to keep it as a remembrance of her visit, adding that she might have use for it on her travel through the country. This was the last time Mrs. Dillard saw Captain Wirz.

Thomas M. Owen, of the department of archives and history, has in his book racks an interesting volume entitled "The Southern Side of Andersonville Prison," in which the charges against Captain Wirz are considered, and in which it is contended that the treatment of Union soldiers at Andersonville was not as severe as the treatment of Confederate soldiers in Northern prisons. The book was compiled by Dr. R. Randolph Stevenson from original documents, and was published in 1876.

The pistol in the possession of the department of archives and history is the weapon with which the prosecutors of Captain Wirz said he put to death many Union soldiers at Andersonville.

of the Italian renaissance. The lower portion will contain Mr. Russell's real estate offices, and the upper stories will be transformed into apartments, with a suite of six rooms and bath on every floor, every convenience being supplied.

### "Buzzerd's Roost" Site.

The condemnation by the Inspector of Buildings of the ramshackle structure at the northeast corner of E and Ninth streets northwest, known as Buzzerd's Roost, and the inclosing of the same with a wooden fence as a warning to all whom it may concern that the building is unsafe, brings to mind the fact that some time ago a syndicate was negotiating tentatively for the purchase of that property with a view to the erection there of a substantial four or five story fireproof structure, three of the floors to be rented to the Government for the use of one of the departments. The negotiations fell through because satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the Government officials on the points of rent to be paid and duration of lease. The property is held at \$10 the square foot, showing how real estate values have increased in that part of the city within the last ten or fifteen years. It is thought that before long the "roost" will be demolished and on the site will rise a substantial building devoted to business purposes.

### Washington Architect Honored.

Again a Washington architect has been honored by being included in the list of those who are to compete in the preparation of plans for one of the most notable houses of worship in the United States. The committee of the diocese of St.

looks having in charge the compilation of plans for the great Catholic cathedral to be erected there, has invited ten architects, six in this country and four in Europe, to submit plans for such an edifice. Among the architects thus invited is A. O. Von Herbulis, of Washington, who has already distinguished himself by designing some elaborate ecclesiastical and educational structures, among them several of the buildings of the Catholic University, St. Ann's Academy, in Fenwicktown, and the Catholic University, at Ottawa, Canada. He is now engaged in preparing the plans for the buildings to be erected for the Oblate Fathers near the Catholic University at Brookland, and is also superintending the construction of a large Catholic college at Buffalo. The St. Louis cathedral is to cost \$3,000,000.

### Sales of Real Estate.

Mrs. Augusta V. Hare has bought, through Westcott & Story, the residence 1707 Rhode Island avenue, for \$20,000. It is Mrs. Hare's intention to make extensive alterations in the dwelling, the contract for which has been let to Richardson & Burress.

J. Augustus Taylor, real estate broker, has sold for Thomas S. Hopkins, in conjunction with Heskell & McLeran, house 1008 H street northwest for about \$8,000.

Among the sales made last week by Moore & Hill are the following:

For Raymond J. Cooley, in connection with R. W. Walker & Son, 1431 Welling place, Columbia Heights.

To William M. Neitzey, 912 G street southwest.

To William H. Walker, 1755 Lowell street northwest.

For Cleveland Park Company, two houses in Cleveland Park.

For Harry Wardman, four of his new houses just completed on Eleventh street, corner Kenyon street, Columbia Heights.

For Edward N. Richards, 1308 Riggs street northwest.

For Raymond Scooley, 920 L street northwest.

For Daniel M. Reidy, 729 Third street northwest.

For W. K. Martin, 726 Tenth street northwest.

For George D. Robinson, through Eldridge E. Jordan, 2006 Sixteenth street northwest.

### Real Estate Transfers.

D street southeast, between First and Second streets—Howard L. Christman et ux. to Fannie E. Wilholte, part original lot 13, square 134, \$10.

410 Twenty-second street northwest—Samuel S. Yoder, executor, to D. H. R. Drury, lot 17, square 90, \$10.

Seventh and H streets northeast—Alameda J. Mathewson to Frank A. Johnson, lot 141, square 89, \$10.

Brown's court northwest—Charles W. Clagett et al., trustees, to Nathan Sickie, lot 82, square 234, \$95.

Moore & Barbour's Addition—Catharine Hessler to William Cannon, lot 18, block 3, \$10.

Water street northwest, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets—John L. Cassin, trustee, to M. Frank Ruppert, lots 4 and 5, square 62, \$1,709.70.

142 Hopkins street northeast—George W. P. Swartzell et al., trustees, to Florence V. Creamer, lot 33, square 96, \$10.

Florence V. Creamer to Hugh W. Fred, same property, \$10.

Cedar place northwest, between Eighth and Nineteenth streets—Israel P. Warner et ux. to Florence V. Creamer, lots 222, 223, and 181, square 132, \$10.

East Capitol street near Fourteenth street—John C. Edwards, trustee, to Most Rev. James Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic archbishop of Baltimore, part lot 72, square 106, \$200.

827 Ellick street northeast—Arthur Carr, trustee, to Peter Petersen, lot 56, square 1028, \$10.

306 M street northwest—Louis Kolpin-ski et al., trustees, to Francis C. and Matilda M. Barker, lot 18, square 524, \$4,000.

Fifth and H streets northeast—Alvaro F. Gibben to Annie T. Rice, lot 19, square 832, \$10.

Deannwood Heights—Lillie M. Cobourn to Mary Parker, lot 20, square 4, \$135.

Mt. Pleasant and Pleasant Plains—Hattie L. Henderson et vir., Ell W., to Lewis E. Breuninger, part lots 45, 46, and 47, \$10.

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### SONS OF AMERICA AT MARSHALL HALL

One of the most gratifying events in the history of Camp No. 6, Potomac Order, Sons of America, was its excursion to Marshall Hall on Thursday. It was a decided success financially, socially, and in making known the existence of the order in the District.

Though the order was first organized in Philadelphia, and is 100,000 strong in Pennsylvania, it was not introduced into the District of Columbia until a short time ago, during which time there has been eight camps organized.

Its objects, patriotism, education and fraternity, commend it to all.

The day was ideal for an outing.

The committee on excursion was: Past President A. B. Schofield, chairman; Past President William Lithgow, Vice President Charles G. Lohr, Master of Forms Charles E. Frazier, Financial Secretary James E. Thomas, various members of the camp assisted the committee on the day of the excursion.

Camp No. 6 meets every Wednesday at 8 p. m. at McCauley's Hall, 208 Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

### WRENCH AND MONKEY HIS BETES NOIRS

George Seidel, of this city, says an Elkhardt, Ind., dispatch to the Denver Post, dodges whenever he hears anyone mention a wrench, a monkey, or even an Italian or an organ.

He's been dodging ever since yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon he was sitting in the yellow sunlight, watching the citizens of Elkhardt stroll into the depot, waiting for the different trains.

All at once his eye lit up.

A woman was strolling, too, a pretty woman and a well-dressed woman, and a woman with a neat ankle and roguish eye.

He suddenly assumed for Mr. Seidel, of Elkhardt, a decidedly rosy tinge. He smiled, he winked, he spoke to the woman. "Disagreeable waiting, isn't it?" he said.

"The woman's roguish eye grew cold. "Hot weather we're having," murmured Mr. Seidel, edging closer to the woman. She tried to brush past him. "Don't be frightened," he began.

"Frightened?" sniffed the pretty woman as she handed a very pretty right on Mr. Seidel's nose. Then seeing a monkey wrench on the platform she picked it up and before the amazed Mr. Seidel could side she beat him across the head with that monkey wrench till he begged for mercy.

About that time the train for which the woman was waiting came in. A strapping athletic young man stepped off the train, the woman rushed into his arms and dropped the monkey wrench. Mr. Seidel fled—that's why he's dodging today.

## SHORT SHIFT AWAITS COLORED MURDERER

Farmers Furious Against Man Who At-  
tempted to Seize Child—Dismal  
Swamp Encircled.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Renewed efforts were made today to capture Charles Long, the colored murderer, who, for nearly one week, has been hiding in Dismal Swamp, near South Plainfield, N. J.

The attempt of the murderer to seize Annie Wagner, a nine-year-old girl, whose home is in New York and who was coming along behind a party of women gathering flowers, has aroused the farmers to such a pitch of fury that if he is caught there will not be quick enough justice in Jersey to try him. He will be shot down in his tracks. The reward is to be paid for his capture, dead or alive. The mob spirit has taken possession of the peace-loving farmers.

### STRUCK BY A DERRICK.

Antonia Cebra, an Italian laborer, was severely injured while at work yesterday afternoon. He was struck by a derrick and was injured about the head and body. The accident occurred near Fifth and D streets. He was sent to the Emergency Hospital, where he was given medical attention.

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